



# NEWSLETTER

**Emails and Letters sent home last 2 weeks:**

**E-MAIL:**

KS1 Design Technology letter

**LETTERS (available to download from website)**

KS1/KS2 Xmas Performance costumes  
Xmas Performance Ticket info  
KS2 Pencil cases

## 2018 2019 TERM DATES

	Open	Close
Autumn	5th Sept	18th Oct
	29th Oct	19th Dec
Spring	3rd Jan	15th Feb
	25th Feb	5th April
Summer	24th April	23rd May
	3rd June	24th July

**INSET Days**

Wednesday 5th September 2018  
Friday 19th October 2018  
Wednesday 2nd January 2019  
Tuesday 23rd April 2019  
Friday 24th May 2019

May Bank Holiday  
Monday 6th May 2019

## Autumn 8

**Message from Mrs Reid**

The whole school performed the fantastic musical of 'How Christmas Came to Be'. The play told the story of how we came to celebrate Christmas in December, from the Roman festival of Saturnalia to Nordic Pagan traditions of Yule; from the Puritans banning Christmas to the Victorians introducing the

out beautifully by our KS1 and EYFS children. Every class took responsibility for a section of the play and all the children had a role to make the performance so wonderful. The singing was superb and the atmosphere they created was magical. So many parents left praising the

**19th December 2018**



raised a staggering **£557** for St Charles School, our link school in Kenya. Overseen by the charity Amani, this will be used to buy much needed stationary for the pupils within the school.



Christmas tree; and finally to the modern Father Christmas and his reindeer. Of course we didn't forget the most important story of Christmas: The birth of Jesus. This was acted

children and telling us it was the best Christmas performance to date! Well done to all the teachers and staff who worked tirelessly with the children to create such a festive treat and to the parents for providing such great costumes.

Following on from the success of their own performances, the children had a chance to become the audience for the afternoon when 'Panto in a Day' came to school. They performed a brilliant version of Cinderella and the children all had a fantastic afternoon of traditional pantomime fun to finish the week!

The DVD recorded on the evening performance will be available to order soon. The collection at the end of the performance





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The end of term Celebration Assembly is always a very proud moment for our pupils and parents.

The assembly started with celebrating some of our musicians in school, with solo performances on the piano and a short group performance by our ukulele band, who provided a lovely opportunity for a Christmas sing-a-long! During the assembly we gave out certificates to our swimmers for achieving swimming awards from level 2 up to level 7.

The head girl and head boy also gave out certificates for 100% attendance at school this term. This is particularly impressive as we have battled some nasty chest infections and chicken pox in school this term! We also announced the winners of our new House team attendance challenge. Each term we will use our attendance data to work out which house team has the best attendance for the term and award additional house points as follows:

1st place = 100 points    2nd place = 75 points    3rd place = 50 points    4th place = 25 points.

This term, the 100 points went to Adams house however, the overall winners of the Autumn Term House Team Challenge was still won by Perrin house who earned a mufti day on the last day of term.

We also gave out our special mention and extra special mention certificates to the children nominated by their teachers for outstanding effort, attainment and modelling our school values. Well done to all who received a certificate.

The children and staff had a Christmas lunch and continuous. A tour around the Mrs Reid into a classroom to pass the parcel to the dance moves in KS1 and some games. Altogether now... 'So everybody having fun...!



lovely afternoon starting with our singing into our Christmas party after-school during the afternoon took having a snowman making competition 'O Holy Night', some groovy balloon making skills in Everywhere it is Merry Christmas, every-

The Christmas term closed with a wonderful service of readings and carols led by our Year 6 pupils and the choir singing beautiful descants. A fitting end to a brilliant term in school.

**Happy Christmas everyone!**



*Mrs Reid*





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## Reminders:

**PE KITS:** We are delighted to be working with a professional dance coach, Mrs Jane Douglas, on the first two days of the Spring Term. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school from the 3rd January so that they can participate in their class workshop.

**Design Technology Owls and Buzzards:** Please can all Owls and Buzzards children bring in a shoe box on the 3rd of January so that they can start their 'Up, Up and Away' topic work with their D.T. vehicle challenge.

**Children starting school in September 2019:** A reminder for any families with children who will have their 5th birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020; the deadline for applications for Reception entry children in September 2019 is the 15th January 2019. Information is available on the school website <https://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/admissions/186603>

and the Buckinghamshire County Council website. <https://www.bucksc.gov.uk/services/education/school-admissions/>

## Clubs

The new clubs timetable will be available on the website as soon as possible.

## DIARY DATES

Dates and events happening in the school diary can all be accessed in the Calendar section of the School Website at the following link:

<http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/calendar/186376>



More information is available on our school website

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